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FINAL 1987 PRODUCTION ESTIMATE - DOWN 9 PERCENT

U.S. production of cranberries in 1987 totaled 3.32 million barrels, 9 percent less than the 1986 crop. The area harvested, at 25.5 thousand acres, is an increase of 2 percent from 1986. Average yield was 130 barrels per acre, down 16.0 barrels per acre from the previous year.

1988 PRODUCTION FORECAST - UP 12 PERCENT

The forecast of the 1988 U.S. cranberry crop is for 3.73 million barrels, up 12 percent from 1987 and up 2 percent from the 1986 crop.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 1.83 million barrels, 26 percent more than 1987 and 1 percent more than 1986. Prospects are excellent and indicate a record crop. Bogs came through the winter in good condition with no winter kill and suffered little injury from spring frosts. A heavy bloom, accompanied by excellent pollination weather, resulted in an average to heavy set. The dry weather of June and early July broke with heavy rains in late July. July average rainfall was more than double normal. Adequate water supplies are available for harvest.

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New Jersey expects a crop of 310 thousand barrels, up 11 percent from 1987 but 5 percent below 1986. Prospects are generally good. Bloom and set were average to heavy. The drought has reduced berry size. The heat wave has slowed maturity and, in some areas, damaged vines. Rain is needed.

In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 150 thousand barrels, 6 percent more than last year and 23 percent more than 1986. Hail in late April caused some plant damage. This was followed by rain during bloom which caused poor pollination in some bogs but fruit set was still better than last year. Disease and insect problems have been limited. Above normal June and July temperatures produced good berry size. Water for irrigation has been adequate but may be short for harvest without more rains.

The Washington crop is expected to be 108 thousand barrels, 17 percent less than last year but 8 percent more than 1986. Frost and insect damage combined with cool, rainy pollination weather to reduce crop prospects. Yields and berry size are expected to be less than last year. Harvest is expected to begin about October 1.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 1.34 million barrels, up 1 percent from 1987 and 4 percent more than 1986. Water is the major concern. Rain is needed to increase the low water supplies for harvest and for protective winter flooding of bogs. The crop looks good with a good fruit set and berry size. Winter damage, hail damage and heat stress have been minor. Barring pre-harvest storms with damaging hail, there should be an excellent crop in most areas.

CRANBERRY PRODUCTION

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL		INDICATED 1988
	1986	1987	
BARRELS			
MASS	1,813,000	1,449,000	1,825,000
N J	325,000	280,000	310,000
OREG	122,000	142,000	150,000
WASH	100,000	130,000	108,000
WIS	1,280,000	1,320,000	1,336,000
U S	3,640,000	3,321,000	3,729,000

CRANBERRIES: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION,
PRICE AND VALUE, BY STATES, 1986 AND 1987

YEAR :	AREA :	YIELD :	PRODUCTION :		UTILIZATION		
AND :	AREA :	PER :	TOTAL :		FRESH :	PROCESSED :	SHRINKAGE 1/
STATE:	HARVESTED:	ACRE :	TOTAL :	UTILIZED :	FRESH :	PROCESSED :	SHRINKAGE 1/
ACRES			BARRELS				
1986 :							
MASS :	11,300	160.4	1,813,000	1,813,000	159,000	1,529,000	125,000
N J :	3,300	98.5	325,000	325,000		324,000	1,000
OREG :	1,200	102.0	122,000	122,000		122,000	
WASH :	1,200	83.3	100,000	100,000	46,200	53,400	400
WIS :	7,900	162.0	1,280,000	1,280,000	132,000	1,129,000	19,000
U S :	24,900	146.2	3,640,000	3,640,000	337,200	3,157,400	145,400
1987 :							
MASS :	11,800	122.8	1,449,000	1,449,000	143,000	1,277,000	29,000
N J :	3,200	87.5	280,000	280,000		279,000	1,000
OREG :	1,200	118.3	142,000	142,000	500	141,500	
WASH :	1,200	108.3	130,000	130,000	16,800	111,500	1,700
WIS :	8,100	163.0	1,320,000	1,320,000	136,000	1,160,000	24,000
U S :	25,500	130.2	3,321,000	3,321,000	296,300	2,969,000	55,700
PRICE PER BARREL 2/ :			VALUE OF PRODUCTION				
ALL :			TOTAL				
DOLLARS			1,000 DOLLARS				
1986 :							
MASS :		51.70				93,732	
N J :		52.90				17,193	
OREG :		53.10				6,478	
WASH :		53.10				5,310	
WIS :		51.30				65,664	
U S :		51.80				188,377	
1987 :							
MASS :		JANUARY 1989				JANUARY 1989	
N J :		"				"	
OREG :		"				"	
WASH :		"				"	
WIS :		"				"	
U S :		"				"	

1/ CRANBERRIES PAID FOR BY PROCESSORS AND LOST BECAUSE OF DEHYDRATION AND BERRY BREAKDOWN AFTER DELIVERY.

2/ EQUIVALENT RETURNS AT FIRST DELIVERY POINT, SCREENED BASIS OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION.

